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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE-OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR
DEVELOPMENT (ITEM 45)

SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE, P.M. 11 OCTOBER ; 1) HEARD
STATEMENTS BY SUDAN, FRANCE, NIGERIA, NEPAL, LIBYA,
YUGOSLAVIA, ARGENTINA, THE US FIJI, ETHIOPIA AND SAUDI ARABIA;
2) HEARD RIGHTS OF REPLY BY CHILE, TURKEY AND GREECE: AND
3) HEARD DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TCDC (L 1348) INTRODUCED
BY ARGENTINA AND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND (L 1346) BE INTRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVIA. END SUMMARY.

1. SUDAN, SAID ONLY A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RESOURCES COULD EN-
ABLE THE UNDP TO PERFORM TASKS ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE SIXTH
SPECIAL SESSION. BELIEVED THE CRITERION FOR EVALUATION
OF COUNTRY IPF'S SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF
THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION.

2. FRANCE. SAID CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POSSI-
BILITY PREVENTING DUPLICATION DISCUSSIONS IN THE ECOSOC AND
THE GA. PROPOSED THAT THE GA TAKE MORE INTO ACCOUNT,
MATTERS ALREADY DEALT WITH IN THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL, DREW A
DISTINCTION BETWEEN MATTERS WHICH NEEDED CONSIDERATION
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REASONS. NOTED
THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NOT REQUESTED A DECISION ON THE ITEM PRE-
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SENTLY BEING DEBATED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

3. NIGERIA. NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ANNOUNCE, AT THE PROPER TIME, AN INCREASE TO UNDP OF ALMOST 100PERCENT. WELCOMED GC'S DECISION ACCORD OBSERVER STATUS TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU WHENEVER COUNCIL WOULD DEAL WITH MATTERS PERTAINING TO THESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
4. NEPAL. EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO UNDP FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED UNDER IPF SYSTEM AND THE SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LDC'S AND WAS CONFIDENT SPECIAL STATUS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES WOULD BE ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN THE FINAL IPF ALLOCATION TO THESE COUNTRIES. ADDED THAT NATIONAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INCREASINGLY ENTRUSTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPERVISING OF THE UNDP PROJECTS. WAS ALSO DESIROUS SEEING GROWTH OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL
5. LIBYA. SAID INTENDED TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP AND MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO UNIDO. IF FAVORED AUTONOMY FOR UNIDO. LIBYA HAD DOUBLED ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF TO \$43,000.
6. YUGOSLAVIA. INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH WOULD, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, CALL UPON THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP TO BEAR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE FUND, AND INVITE ALL COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND, IF THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO DO SO.
7. ARGENTINA. EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE COMMERCIAL CHARACTER OF THE REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION: FAVORED VIEWS THAT REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS SHOULD PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL PROJECTS; AND REGARDED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP OF TCDC A NEW DIMENSION WHICH SUPPLEMENTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNDP CONSENSUS. THEN INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DOCUMENT E/C.2/L.1348), WHICH WAS "HISTORIC IN IMPORTANCE."
8. UNITED STATES. KITCHEN BEGAN WITH MOVING EULOGY TO PAUL HOFFMAN. IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP, SAID THAT HIS EFFORTS HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY "BOLDNESS, IMAGINATION, TENACITY, AND COMPASSION." THAT HE WAS A BEACON AND GUIDE WITHOUT EQUAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL COMMUNITY TO FOLLOW AND CONTINUE TO USE AS THEIR DIRECTIONAL STAR. HE WENT ON THE NOTE THAT THE PAST TWO SESSIONS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL HAD REFLECTED THE CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE THIRD WORLD. US DELEGATION APPLAUDED THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO A TOTAL OF 129 WITH THE APPROVAL OF 27 NEW ONES. EVERY EFFORT, HE SAID, SHOULD BE MADE TO DELIVER FULL IPF BY THE END OF 1976. NOTING THE EXPANDED ROLE OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES, HE SAID HIS DELEGATION WOULD LIKE, IN CERTAIN APPROPRIATE CASES TO SEE MORE

REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. REGARDING TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SAID THE US HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION REFERRAL SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY

THE WORKING GROUPS. ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, IT WELCOMED EFFORTS REGARDING SPECIAL PROJECTS NOT USUALLY FUNDABLE THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, SUCH AS CROP-FINANCING, CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN FARMS AND LIVESTOCK, AND THE FINANCING OF ARTISANS AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN. THE US STATEMENT ALSO 1) LAUDED WORK OF UNFPA AND THE RESULTS OF THE WPC; 2) COMMENDED IMPROVED REPORTS AND BETTER COLLABORATION WITH UNDP OF UNOTC WHILE AGAIN CALLING FOR TRANSFERRING OF UN TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES FROM UN REGULAR BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS; 3) WARMLY PRAISED UNV'S NEW DYNAMISM UNDER GORDON; AND 4) UNGED UNDP, UNICEF AND UNFPA ALL TO BECOME STRONG SUPPORTERS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND THE IWY CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA.

FULL TEXT OF US STATEMENT BEING FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

9. FIJI. WELCOMED EFFORTS OF UNDP HARMONIZE THE GOALS OF REGIONAL AND COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT, BUT CONSIDERED THAT THE ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF MORE SOCIAL FACTORS AT BOTH THE REGIONAL AND THE COUNTRY LEVEL IN DETERMINING THE CRITERIA ON WHICH THE IPF'S WERE BASED. FAVORED "DEBUREAUCRATIZATION" OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND EXPRESSED JOPE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WPC WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP WITH PURPOSEFUL MEASURES.

10. ETHIOPIA. SAID UNDP FUNDS SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED AS FLEXIBLY AS POSSIBLE; CALLED FOR RESTRUCTURING OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES BY DECENTRALIZING THE PROGRAMME AND ON UNDP TO PROVIDE MORE TRAINING TO INDIGENOUS EXPERTS. DESPITE ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, SAID, ETHIOPIA WOULD INCREASE "BY A MODERATE AMOUNT" ITS PLEDGES TO UNDP IN RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRAMME'S IMPORTANT FUNCTION.

11. SAUDI ARABIA. (BAROODY) PROPOSED THAT THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED YESTERDAY ON UNICEF (DOCUMENT A/C.2/L. 1347), WHICH WOULD HAVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPEAL TO GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM THE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS RESULTING FROM HAVING TO LIVE IN PHYSICALLY AND MORALLY POLLUTED LARGE CITIES. MR. BAROODY SAID THAT CHILDREN OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WERE IN MORE NEED OF HELP THAN THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR THE LATTER, AT LEAST, HAD A TRADITION. HE WARNED THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO GUARD AGAINST THE PRICE OF PROGRESS AND SAID

THAT THE MORAL FIBRE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS
TATTERED BECAUSE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF MODERN
PROGRESS. "SHOW ME AN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY WHICH WAS NOT
INSOLVENT"? ASKED MR BAROODY.
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